GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF JUTE
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government purchases jute at a remunerative price from jute growers of the country, particularly from Bihar, through Jute Corporation of India ;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued any directions to the Corporation in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to procure good quality jute at right time and at remunerative price ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Jute Corporation of India (JCI) purchases raw jute directly from the farmersat the Minimum Support Price (MSP), fixed by the Government whenever the ruling price goes below the MSP level. Jute Corporation of India runs 171 Centers for procurement of jute out of which 20 Centers are situated in Bihar

(b) & (c): Government has directed JCIto purchase raw jute at the MSP, whenever the prices go below the MSP. JCI monitors the jute market on day to day basis. Apart from this, the State Governments have also been requested by the Jute Commissioner to keep a vigil on jute prices, arrange linking of their Cooperative/Agricultural Produce Market Committees with JCI Centres as to enlarge the reach of the MSP operations.